

# DISINHERITED SON SUES FOR ESTATE

## Son of Wealthy Catoosa Land Owner Wants Part of Land.

### IS WORTH 10 MILLION

#### Property Left in Hands of Two Other Sons—Now Ed Wants His Share.

Ed Bilby of Kansas, son of John S. Bilby, wealthy land owner of Catoosa, who was struck by a railroad train and almost instantly killed about a year ago, is about to start legal proceedings to secure a share of his father's estate, according to a story appearing in Muskogee.

John Bilby was rated to be one of the most extensive land owners in the United States, and at the time of his death his holdings were estimated to be worth close to \$10,000,000.

Only the summer before his accident his acres had been transferred by deed almost in their entirety to Nick Bilby of Hefleyville and Russell Bilby of Missouri. At that time Ed Bilby who had had a large share in the handling of the estate, was held up because of an operation which resulted in the loss of one eye.

Ed now insists that his father did not mean to disinherit him but that he was merely transferring the land as a trust to the other two sons. In other words, the whole estate, consisting of over 200,000 acres in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas—and possibly Arkansas—should have been distributed equally among the three heirs without regard to previous transactions, he maintains.

Some there are who say that the feeding over of the lands was merely an effort of the elder Bilby to evade payment of the huge federal and state inheritance taxes to which the estate would have been subject—and to which it will be subject in the event that Ed is successful in his court fight.

The three big suits dealing with the various portions of the estate probably will not be filed for three or four months.

Only four will share the proceeds of the huge gamble. The third wife of the eccentric old landholder is out of it—because of a pre-nuptial money settlement. The first may divide to three, as the daughter, who now lives in Washington, has millions of her own.

John Bilby left no will. With the exception of 4,000 acres of valuable land in Rogers county all his vast holdings had been transferred by deed to the two sons who will fight the court proceedings. The wealthy daughter had it is believed been remembered with one section of land.

While Bilby's holdings are still undetermined, it is certain that he owned over 200,000 acres, which would be worth on the market today not less than ten millions of dollars. The appraised value is expected to approximate this figure.

A large part of the huge estate will never come into the court. John Bilby loaned money to many of his friends with their farms as securities. But with his disregard of taxes and debts, he neglected to record many of these mortgages.

These valuable papers used to be scattered aimlessly about his big house. And one day only five or six years ago his house burned to the ground and none of the papers rescued.

Hundreds of men now owe the Bilby estate money on these mortgages, but most of them will never pay—because there is no record. Many tales are told of Bilby's peculiar ways of doing business. He distrusted banks—and they didn't care much for him. Many of his checks came back marked "no funds."

But he rarely wrote checks. When he got a few dollars in cash, he immediately looked up a farm for sale—and made a first payment.

Ed Bilby had a mania for land. He didn't know how much he owned. Much of the land was held in the names of his various children, but not until the last summer of his life was it transferred in wholesale quantities.

Banks profited but little from John Bilby. He kept but little money in their hands and they never loaned him money—except on the best possible security. Ever in banks where he was known would not cash small checks for him—unless he had the money on deposit.

One of the biggest local tangles in history is anticipated when the matter gets into court. Thousands of acres were sold for delinquent taxes, while title to many others is in doubt because of taxes, mortgages and other transactions which weren't properly recorded.

A settlement by compromise before the matter gets into the federal court is the only possible way to avert a long drawn-out court fight.

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# Telephone Company Plans for a Bigger Tulsa of Year 1938

In a statement to the city commissioners at their meeting, Geo. F. Bell, local manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, announced that this company is now building for the Tulsa of the year of 1938. The statement came during the company's acquisition to the city's request that all wires within the city be buried within the next three years.

Officials and statisticians of the Bell company estimate the population of Tulsa in 1938 at 177,000 and expect to build a plant that will care for business in a city of that population. A site has already been purchased for a large building which is to be erected within the coming 18 months.

And even then the state and the federal government will step in to claim inheritance taxes—unless Ed Bilby is completely defeated in his attempt to divide up the estate. Inheritance taxes may amount to more than \$2,000,000, it is pointed out.

# LEGION READY FOR MEETING

## Boy Scouts Will Escort Visitors From Trains to Their Lodging Places.

Complete arrangements for the entertainment of delegates to the state convention of the American Legion, to be held here next Monday and Tuesday, were made last night at a special meeting of the Tulsa chapter of the legion, held in the city hall. E. N. (Little Boss) Kinney, chairman of the committee on arrangements made a full report to the committee.

Between 800 and 900 delegates from other parts in the state will arrive in Tulsa Sunday. Boy scouts will meet all trains and escort the visitors to the hotels. A special program has been prepared and visiting delegates are promised an enjoyable time. All visiting delegates are admitted free to everything—this includes the base ball game Monday afternoon and the prize fight Monday night. The first thing on the program is an auto ride over the city, Monday morning. All business meetings will be held in Convention Hall.

Delegates for the Joe Carson post were elected last night. Every member of the post is a delegate and the delegation has 146 votes. W. L. Hagleton was chosen chairman of the delegation. When voting the Tulsa delegation will be caucused and the 146 votes cast the way the majority of the delegation votes. Thus a unanimous vote will be passed on all questions.

It was also announced that all necessary funds for providing entertainment for the visitors and for the carrying on the convention were in the bank. The convention convenes at 9 o'clock Monday morning at Convention Hall.

# Stock Exchange Will Close for Labor Day

NEW YORK Sept. 1.—The New York stock exchange will be closed Saturday over Labor day, it was announced today.

The metal cap of a new fruit jar is slightly convex and by depressing the center the edges are sprung away from the jar.

# TULSANS TO GO TO GAS HEARING

## Statement of Valuation Will Be Presented to Commission.

City Attorney Frank E. Duncan and C. A. Border, local attorney, will leave Friday night for Oklahoma City, where on Saturday morning they will meet with the corporation commission in connection with the Oklahoma Natural Gas company's request for an increase in rates.

The gas company has prepared its statement of valuation, and this is to be presented to the commission on September 15, and subjected to examination by attorneys representing approximately 23 cities and towns which will be affected if the increase is granted.

Saturday the "city gate" question is to be argued before the commission. This question concerns the installation of meters by the gas company at the edge of the cities served, and the basing of rates on this meter. Instead of customers' meters, by which present charges are computed. The gas company claims that there is much waste in city lines, and that if the "city gate" plan is adopted in cities where the gas company is not the distributor, it will result in a rate to the company serving the city and to which the gas company sells its product.

According to the city attorney, Tulsa will not be greatly exposed to such action if the corporation commission will establish a "zone" gate, based on the nearness of the city to the source of supply of gas.

# "Walking Saloon" Had Enough Hootch for a Wholesaler

With enough whisky in his possession to stock a small saloon police officers yesterday afternoon arrested Max Ducey at the Prince hotel, 115 East Second street. Ducey had just registered and was entering his room when the officers noticed him, police say. He was looked on investigation at police headquarters.

Ducey was a complete "walking bar," according to the police. He had in his possession three suit cases and a hand bag. They were all filled with bottled-in brand whisky—the pre-war "stuff". Fourteen quarts of Cedar Brook, 11 points of Cedar Pepper and 11 points of Cedar Iron, all with the original government seal and bond unbroken. A deputy internal revenue badge was found in his possession and he claimed that at one time he had been employed by the revenue department.

Mr. Duncan contends that Tulsa should not be forced to pay for running a gas line several hundred miles to some other city, while Tulsa is within a few miles of the state's gas supply and entitled to the lowest rate.

If the gas company's request is granted by the commission, a general average of costs to all cities in the state will be determined, and Tulsa will be forced to pay this rate, regardless of the location of the source of supply or its proximity to Tulsa.

# SAYS OHIO WILL GO FOR HARDING

## C. A. Border Home From Buckeye State After Visiting Marion.

C. A. Border, secretary of the junior chamber of commerce, who returned the first of this week from a visit with relatives and friends at Strasburg and other points in Ohio, is confident that Senator Warren G. Harding will carry Ohio in the presidential race.

While on his vacation Border went to Marion, Harding's home town, and heard the republican nominee deliver his address to railroad men on the operation of the railroads, at which time Harding declared himself in favor of the Esch-Cummings bill. The republican nominee left no doubt in the minds of his hearers as to which bill he favored—the Esch-Cummings bill or the Plumb—for, according to Border, he reiterated several times that the former bill would prove more just to both railroad men and their posterity, many

of whom will choose a career other than that of railroading. Border declared Harding is a forceful speaker and an impressive orator, and that his audience gave loud applause following his talk. The city of Marion, Border said, is decorated as though a ten-ring circus was coming. Life-size pictures of Harding are hung in every store, shop and house.

# DISCUSS SOCIAL UNREST

## Salvation Army Heads to Outline Program at Meeting.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 1.—Reported "social unrest" in Oklahoma will be considered by county advisory boards of the Salvation Army in the state when they meet here Friday with the state board. More than 200 persons from 61 counties will attend, according to A. N. Lee-craft, state treasurer, and president of the board.

"As a result of confidential studies made in each county by the county advisory board," Mr. Lee-craft said today "a definite program will be outlined that we feel sure will tend to correct the unrest."

Concrete sea-going vessels built in Norway and Sweden have been so successful that Denmark is beginning to build them.

**Certain of Negro's Guilt**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 1.—Claude Tyler, deputy sheriff, is "morally certain" that Claude Chandler, negro boy who was lynched by a mob here Sunday night, killed Homer Adrean, deputy sheriff, and Stanton E. Weiss, federal prohibition enforcement officer, in a raid on a still at the home of the boy's father at Arcadia, Saturday. Chandler was being held in jail here in connection with the killing of the two officers. His father also was killed in the battle, and Tyler, who was wounded in the fight, is the only man of the five engaged, who is still alive.

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"Liquid Gold"

Followed in  
"The Home Stretch"

**LATEST NEWS**

**Vaudeville—Pictures**  
**ROYAL**  
DIRECTION TUCKER BROTHERS  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
**Bright Brilliant Dazzling Vaudeville**  
Henry Hartman  
Blackface Comedian  
Sinclair and Grey  
Singing and Bicycle Novelty  
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Singing and Pianologue  
Lynn Weston and Lynn  
Comedy Songs and Dances  
ON THE SCREEN  
Tucker Brothers' Road Show  
No. 19, featuring  
IVAN ABRAMSON'S  
Absorbing Photodrama  
**"SOMEONE MUST PAY"**  
Starring  
Gail Kane, Edmond Breese, Jackie Saunders, supported by Hugh Thompson, Jerry Austin, Dorothy Arnold.  
What constitutes a happy union? Is your married life happy? How can you avoid unhappiness? Do you believe what people say? Do you believe your own eyes? Are you a jealous person?  
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"Dramatic production"—Moving Picture World.  
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SCHEDULE—9:45, 11:15, 12:30, 2, 3:30, 5, 6:30, 8, 9:30.

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**MAJESTIC**  
BEGINNING TODAY  
An exceptionally fine romance told in a most charming manner. A story of three generations.  
**'Milestones'**  
MAJESTIC NEWS  
SCREEN MAGAZINE  
Screen Time—11:30, 1:30, 2, 3:30, 5, 6:30, 8, 9:30  
Coming Sunday  
**Thos. Meighan**  
—in—  
**"THE PRINCE CHAP"**

**PALACE**  
BEGINNING TODAY  
  
**CONSTANCE TALMADGE**  
In a return showing of  
**"In Search of a Sinner"**  
How a butterfly wife tires of her "good" husband and seeks a sinner after his death.  
PATHE NEWS  
PALACE ORCHESTRA  
SCREEN TIME—11:30, 1:45, 3, 3:15, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30  
Admission 30c. Children 10c.

**Ophium**  
NOW PLAYING  
A startling story of baffling mystery amid the shadows of 'Frisco's famous Chinatown, with the polished star at his best.  
  
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BEGINNING TODAY  
The story of a clever woman in quaint Rio de Janeiro, whose exploits in South American society brings about a remarkable development. A highly entertaining photo-drama with tense situations, intrigue and a vein of humor intermingled with pathos.  
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